

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Advisory Regarding Upcoming Rallies/Demonstrations

May 01, 2014

U.S. Consulate Yekaterinburg informs U.S. citizens and family members that Russian authorities have issued permits for several pro-government and opposition group rallies/demonstrations to take place in Yekaterinburg on May 01, 2014. Specifics on these gatherings are detailed below.

As with all rallies or large-group gatherings, the potential for confrontation cannot be ruled out. U.S. citizens should also be aware of the possibility for counter-demonstrations or other spontaneous protest activity throughout the Sverdlovsk Region and other areas of Russia. Such large gatherings will likely cause significant traffic and mass-transit disruptions.

A larger-than-usual police presence will likely be evident in and around downtown Yekaterinburg to monitor the events. U.S. citizens should carry their identification and show it if requested to do so by legitimate authorities.

Please note the following guidance from the U.S. Department of State's [Country Specific Information for the Russian Federation](#): **“U.S. citizens should avoid all public demonstrations, whether properly authorized by local officials or not, and avoid any large crowds and public gatherings that lack enhanced security measures.”**

U.S. citizens are reminded that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

The U.S. government has received no specific threat against U.S. citizens or U.S. interests in Russia. However, all U.S. citizens considering travel within Russia should evaluate their personal security situation in light of current political tension and the possibility of violence or anti-U.S. actions directed against U.S. citizens or U.S. interests. The U.S. Consulate in Yekaterinburg also reminds U.S. citizens and family members in Russia of the [Travel Alert](#) issued by the Department of State on March 14.

Planned Rallies/Demonstrations for May 01, 2014

1) Organizer: Citizens' Group

Time: 13:00-14:00 (March)

Route/Location: Lenin Avenue, 103 to Lunacharsky Street - Memorial Black Tulip

Authorities have granted permission for up to 600 participants

2) Organizer: "Paths of Kindness" Movement

Time: 10:00-14:00

Route/Location: Youth Palace

Authorities have granted permission for up to 30 participants

3) Organizer: Communist Party of the Russian Federation (KPRF)

Time: 10:30-13:00 (Rally and March)

Route/Location: Main Post Office to Lenin Monument

Authorities have granted permission for up to 3,000 participants

4) Organizer: Citizens' Group

Time: 14:00-15:00 (March)

Route/Location: 8th of March Street, along Lenin Avenue, to Tatishchev and Lenin monuments

Authorities have granted permission for up to 600 participants

5) Organizer: LDPR

Time: 10:00-13:00 (Rally and March)

Route/Location: Lenin Avenue, from Labor Square to 1905 Square

Authorities have granted permission for up to 400 participants

6) Organizer: Federal Trade Union of Sverdlovsk Region

Time: 09:00-11:30 (Rally, March, and Concert)

Route/Location: Pushkin Street, 10 to Concert on 1905 Square

Authorities have granted permission for up to 25,000 participants

7) Organizer: Trade Union of Student Organizations

Time: 08:00 (Parade)

Route/Location: Kirov Square and Paris Commune Square

Authorities have granted permission for up to 800 participants

8) Organizer: “Support of Russia” Organization

Time: 09:00 (March)

Route/Location: Main Post Office

Authorities have granted permission for up to 500 participants

9) Organizer: Sverdlovsk Region Housing Union

Time: 09:00-11:00 (Rally and Demonstration)

Route/Location: Main Post Office to 1905 Square

Authorities have granted permission for up to 100 participants

10) Organizer: “Clean Yard – Clean City” Organization

Time: 11:00-12:00

Route/Location: Main Post Office to Lenin Avenue

Authorities have granted permission for up to 500 participants

11) Organizer: “United Russia”

Time: 09:00-11:30 (Rallies)

Route/Location: Popov, Tatishchev, and Gennin Monuments

Authorities have granted permission for up to 50 participants

12) Organizer: “United Russia”

Time: 05:30-22:00 (Rally)

Route/Location: Pushkin Street, along Lenin Avenue, to 1905 Square

Authorities have granted permission for up to 5,000 participants

13) Organizer: Ural-Russian March

Time: 12:00-1400 (March to Rally)

Route/Location: UralMash Region (Baumanov - Kosmonatov – Zariya)

Authorities have NOT granted permission for this rally at this time

*We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Russia enroll in the Department of State's [**Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)**](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you **do not** have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.*

*Regularly monitor the [**State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs website**](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide*

Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Russia](#). For additional information, refer to [the "Traveler's Checklist"](#) on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for travel information at your fingertips.

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Appointments are required for all non-emergency services; you can make an appointment by calling the ACS unit at 7 (495) 728-5577, or you may click [here](#) to schedule an appointment online. To contact us with questions, please write to moscowwarden@state.gov or visit the [Embassy website](#).

Emergency Contact Information in Russia:

U.S. Embassy Moscow:

American Citizens with an emergency during regular office hours (M-F 9am-6pm, excluding Russian and U.S. holidays) are welcome to visit the ACS unit at the U.S. Embassy, 21 Novinsky Blvd., Moscow.

Tel: (7) (495) 728-5577 - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, weekdays

For after-hours emergencies, call (7) (495) 728-5000 after 6:00 pm, and on weekends and [holidays](#).

U.S. Consulate General St. Petersburg:

The U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg is located at 15 Furshatskaya Street, Tel: (+7) (812) 331-2600. You may contact the Consulate's ACS unit by e-mail at StPetersburgACS@State.gov, or by fax at (+7) (812) 331-2646, or visit the [Consulate website](#).

For after-hours emergencies, call (812) 331-2600 and listen to the recorded message for the Duty Officer's cell phone number.

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